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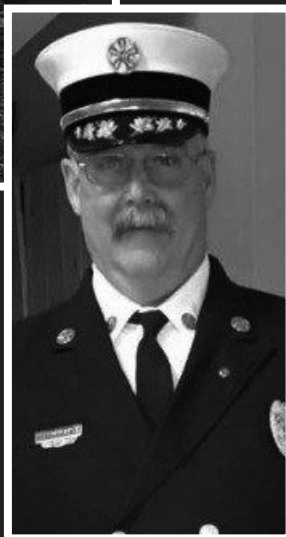
Tragedy in Montgomery

Patrick Johnson | pjohnson@repub.com



See page 3 for more information on Steve Frye.

Please turn to page 6 on how you can assist the Bodendorf family on their recovery.



Thank You!

The Bodendorf family would like to send our heartfelt thanks to the Montgomery fire department (and the towns with mutual aid) for their efforts to try and save the house. We would especially like to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Frye family for the sacrifice they gave. There are no words to express our sadness.

People can never take for granted what the first responders do. We are especially in awe of the people who put their lives on the line on a volunteer basis. They do it out of a sense of community and a sense of duty to that community. NEVER take for granted the first responders in your town. They are the ones keeping you as safe as they possibly can. God bless them all with our very deepest gratitude.

We would also like to thank all of the people who stepped up and helped during this time of tragedy, including the Montgomery Grill for supplying coffee and food for the firefighters. People have been amazing.

Thank you all so much.

“No popularity exists when tragedy strikes. All that's left are human hearts and love and ache. We all love each other, deep down, and when we see another soul in pain we can't help but hurt too.”

Maya Van Wagenen,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER STILL NEEDED

Montgomery is currently represented by only one school committee member, and a second person is needed to complete a term that is set to expire in 2019.

Please contact Jane Thielen or Dan Jacques for further information.

Important numbers

FIRE EMERGENCY 911
 AMBULANCE 911
 STATE POLICE 911
 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 862-4037
 GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL 685-1102
 GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL 685-1202
 GMS ATTENDANCE 685-1201
 LITTLEVILLE ELEMENTARY 685-1301
 TOWN HALL OFFICE 862-3386

townhall@montgomeryma.gov

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FIRE DEPT 862-4505
 FIRE CHIEF - STEVE FRYE 862-3670
 TOWN CLERK - JUDY MURPHY 862-4478

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ADMINISTRATIVE POLICE CHIEF -
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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER -
 PHIL CAMP 862-4976

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 Thursday 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Meetings of the Board of Assessors are held
 on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month
 from 8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Please call 862-3386
 for an appointment. Assessors' Clerk
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 from Noon - 4 p.m.

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January Calendar

Jan. 5 9:30 –11:00 am – Osteoporosis Exercise – Town Hall
 Jan. 3 6:30 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
 Jan. 4 6:30 PM – GRSD Planning Committee (GRSD – Middle
 School, Rm 112/114
 Jan. 12 9:30 –11:00 am – Osteoporosis Exercise – Town Hall
 Jan. 9 Recycling day
 Jan. 9 10:00 am – COA Coffee Hour – Town Hall
 Jan. 10 6:30 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
 Jan. 10 7:00 PM – GRSD School Committee (GRSD – Middle
 School, Rm 112/114
 Jan. 11 7:00 PM – Selectboard Meeting – Town Hall
 Jan. 19 9:30 –11:00 am – Osteoporosis Exercise – Town Hall
 Jan. 17 6:30 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
 Jan. 26 9:30 –11:00 am – Osteoporosis Exercise – Town Hall
 Jan. 23 Recycling day
 Jan. 23 10:00 am – COA Coffee Hour – Town Hall
 Jan. 24 6:30 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
 Jan. 25 7:00 PM – Selectboard Meeting – Town Hall
 Jan. 31 6:30 pm – Yoga – Town Hall

Condolences

to Laurie Frye, Matt Frye and Karly (Frye) Patenaude and
 family on the loss of their husband and father Stephen Frye,
 Fire Chief for Montgomery, on December 5

to Mike and Donna Morrissey and family on the loss of
 Mike's aunt Marie Morrissey of Chester on December 19

to Sue and Mark Bodurtha and family on the loss of
 Marie Morrissey who was also Sue's aunt.

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In Memory of Chief Stephen P. Frye

The news of Fire Chief Steve Frye's death shocked and saddened our town. Below is an article submitted by the Montgomery Fire department. A sample of the outpouring of gratitude and love for one of Montgomery's finest.

Chimney fires...They are actually quite common.

We get called out several times a year for chimney fires. We have even responded to a chimney fire one time in August. In fact, it was probably 3 years before the ribbing stopped from Chief Frye, because I, myself, had to call 911 as my chimney had turned into an internal inferno. It took a while for him to forget my chimney fire incident.

We, the Montgomery Fire Department, actually have quite a bit of experience with chimney fires. They always turn out the same. We arrive on scene. We extinguish the fire. We clear the smoke from inside the home owners house and we return to the station.

So Tuesday night as my fire pager screamed at me to wake up, I was relieved to hear. It's only a chimney fire.

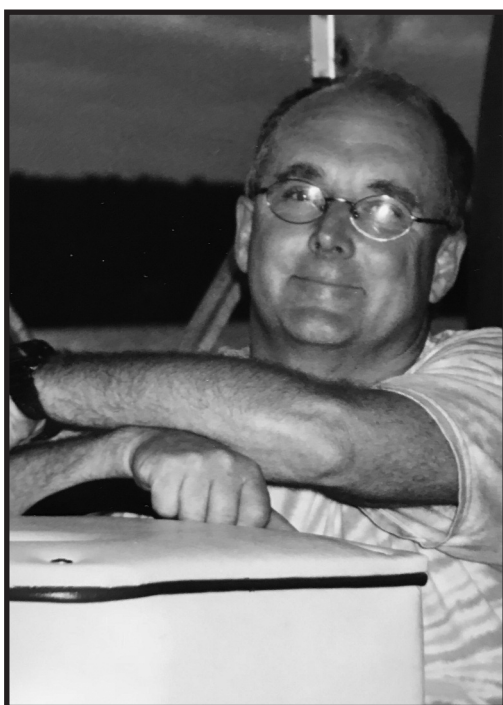
I'll be back home and in bed in an hour and a half. Little did we know, this chimney fire will change all our lives. Little did we know we will never look at a chimney fire the same way again.

As I zipped down the road toward our fire station, I breathed a sigh of relief. My two-way radio crackled. I heard the chief, "Northampton Control... 8 3 X 1 responding".

Thank goodness Chief Frye is en route. Everything always turns out fine when the Chief is on scene. As I get closer to Southampton Road...My heart drops.

Again, the radio crackles, the news.

Our common, simple chimney



fire has now turned into a structure fire. So, we carry on what we have trained for.

Mutual aid from surrounding towns are called in. We use our Engine's water pretty quickly, but Tank 1 is already feeding its water to the first fire engine. As we fight this fire, we see the flames dwindling. In my mind, I'm cheering. I think we got this! Then, the hoses go limp...we are out of water...

Now, our stress levels spike and Steve is commanding, prepping us for the first nearby fire department to arrive with water.

As I back our neighboring fire department to our portable folding tank to give us the much needed water, I see Steve...holding a section of hose in each arm, head down, feet churning, dirt kicking off his boots as he does the strongman competition to bring more hose sections to the rear of the house. Mentally, I'm screaming at Steve, "Take it easy! You just had knee surgery!"

A couple minutes later, I hear someone yell "Fire fighter down!"

Chief Stephen Frye never wanted to be a hero. Our community, our town, our department, his friends, his awesome family lost Steve that Tuesday night. We lost Steve because he was doing what he always does. Taking care and putting others first. He helps anyone who needs him

Whether he is helping fight a fire, planning a wedding, driving to the dirt bike races or telling you to have a sparkling day. He was there.

Steve, we love you.

We will miss you.

You will always be our hero.

Plan for summer growing with winter seed sowing

Many do not think of gardening this time of year but it possible to plan for your garden this coming summer by winter sowing. Starting saving your transparent milk and cider jugs, both ½ gal and 1 gal. size. Wash out the containers with hot soapy water and rinse very well with cool water. Drill drainage holes in the bottom of the container. Make a hinge style lid of the jug by cutting with a box cutter - cut the jug in half by making the cut only around ¾ of the jug. After preparing the jug, add potting soil up to the top of the sliced section. Next you have to moisten the soil – wetting the soil until saturated. Now you can scatter the seeds atop the soil, using your fingers to press the seeds into the layer of soil. The seeds best suited for are: most perennials, broccoli, cabbage, spinach, beets and lettuce in the early part of the winter and tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants in the later part of the

GardenNews

by Chris Brown



winter. After you plant your seeds, label the container VERY WELL – use a laundry marking pen – an indelible pen can fade in the sun. You can also label a piece of duct tape that you have placed on the bottom of

the container. Mark the name of the seeds in several places on the container. Using packing tape or duct tape, tape the container shut. Now place you mini-greenhouse outside - in Jan & Feb – and let the seeds germinate at their own pace in the snow, cold, rain, in other words our New England winter. You will only have to water the seedlings in the spring, if the container dries out. Do not place in the full sun as that may “cook” your seedlings when the sun gets more intense in the spring. A few hours of sunlight will suffice. I have been successful with broccoli, beets, spinach, Swiss chard, leeks and onions. All the seeds may not germinate, but it is worth a try. Good luck with winter seed sowing.

SWEET POTATO PIE

Another great recipe from Jeanne Aras.

2 large sweet potatoes (1 ¼ lbs.), scrubbed & cooked*
¾ cup half & half

1 pkg. refrigerated pie crusts*
¾ cup sugar + 1 tsp. sugar

3 lg. eggs
2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Then reduce to 350.***

Fit one (1) pie crust into 9" pie plate. Refrigerate until ready to use. Separate one (1) egg. In large bowl, beat sweet potatoes, half & half, remaining eggs plus egg yolk, ¾ cup sugar and the pumpkin pie spice. Pour into pie crust. Beat remaining egg white, brush edges of pie crust.

* Mash sweet potatoes until smooth; cool slightly.

** You can use the other pie crust to decorate the edge by cutting out leaves or be creative. Overlap pastry shapes around edge. Brush crusts with egg white and sprinkle with 1 tsp. sugar.

*** Bake at 425 for 15 minutes, then bake at 350 for 45 minutes. Chill overnight.

JANUARY RECIPE

Boy Scouts Host Fire Department Fundraiser

The Montgomery Boy Scouts will host a fundraiser to support the Montgomery Fire Department on Jan 13-Jan 20th, 2018. Drop off donated items at the flag pole outside the fire department. Donations must be in good, clean, and sellable condition. Items will be sold to Savers of West Springfield.

To aid us in calculating the weight of the donations:

- Please put clothing, shoes, bedding/towels, accessories: hats, mittens, scarves, ties, socks, purses, wallets, backpacks, bags, belts, and jewelry in kitchen size trash bags.
- Please put electrical items, toys and games, kitchen items, knick-knacks, and sporting goods in cardboard boxes.
- Furniture and large items not accepted.

Donation tax receipts available on request. Pick-up available on request.

For any questions please call Sean Kingsley at 862-3862.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Arlene Bodurtha
Rebecca Bodurtha
John Buck
Deborah Clark
Jessica Cruickshank
Bertine Galipeau
Krystyna Galipeau
Peggy Goralczyk
Patty Little

Steve Monkiewicz

Bob Pike
Bob Wall
James Wall
Karen Wassung
Dakota Whitaker

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

none

View the current and back issues of the Montgomery MT Breeze at the Town of Montgomery website:

montgomeryma.gov

Thank You Montgomery!

The first annual benefit Christmas Breakfast at the Montgomery Grille was a great success. Despite the very snowy weather we had a good turn out Christmas morning. We raised \$700 of which \$600 will go to the Montgomery Firemen's Association and \$100 going to the Huntington Food Pantry along with boxes of donated food items.

We also surpassed the \$225 goal my daughter Amy needed to raise for building supplies to help build a new kindergarten classroom in Nicaragua. It is a Westfield State sponsored trip she is going on next month to help an elementary school down there. All money above and beyond the \$225 will go towards school supplies for the students there.

I also want to give thanks for all the clothes dropped off for the dress for success program at the Holyoke Community College. These clothes are for people that are applying for jobs. Any extra clothes will be donated to the Salvation Army. We will continue to collect clothes til the new year.

I want to thank those that braved the weather and came out to support this first of hopefully many Christmas Breakfast. I really want to thank the volunteers that worked with me to make this happen. My always dependable rock co worker Jennie A.; my wonderful daughter who's idea this was and Gwen, John, and Ralph who as soon as they heard about the breakfast offered to do what ever I might need. Also the many more that offered to help like the other Jennie and others. The place is just too small for all those workers.

As always I am overwhelmed by the generosity of this community and very happy that I ended up here and hopefully can be a small part of this won

Lastly i would like to send my prayers to the Frye family. Steve will be missed. He can be very proud of what he built here in Montgomery. I was lucky enough to know him just a little. I am even luckier to have got to know many of the dedicated volunteers in his department. It is an inspiration to me knowing that these good men and women do what they do for no pay. I will continue to do everything I can to support them and hope everyone else does as well. God Bless!

Let's not forget Betty and Jay who lost their house to the fire Steve was fighting when he passed. Julie Pike has set up a fund for them at United Bank. There will be a drop box for donations at the Grille and information on were to send any donations.



AT THE MONTGOMERY MARKETPLACE

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“Turning of the year” night out features fun, food and friendship

HAPPY NEW YEAR, ONE AND ALL! May you and your loved ones have a blessed 2018 and beyond! Please note: NEW DATE! The Historical Society celebrates the “turning of the year” with our upcoming “night out” at Paisano’s Restaurant & Pizzeria in Southampton (Route 10 in the Cumberland Farms plaza). This writer gave an incorrect date previously: our outing will take place **Wednesday, January 10** (NOT January 3 as previously noted), meeting there at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to join in this evening of fun, food, and fellowship;

Historical Happenings



membership in the Historical Society is NOT required for any of our events or activities. Please call Laurie at 862-8095 by **Saturday, January 6** to indicate your intentions so that we may provide a head count to the restaurant at that time.

The Steering Committee of the Historical Society will meet in mid-January to plan activities and events for the coming year. Your input would be welcome (places to visit, speakers to host, etc.) as we map out our programs for the enjoyment of all. Laurie (# above) can be contacted with your ideas, as well.

As of early December, the Montgomery Historical Society's display case located at the Grace Hall Memorial Library (Town Hall complex) is the location of a “snow village” display loaned by one of our Historical Society members. Pieces were collected over a number of years and represent some of the “favorites” from this person's collection. Don't forget to visit the library during the colder months to stock up on reading material and other media, and while there, check out the display case and its contents.

We continue to seek loans of material for the display from our fellow townspeople. If you have (or someone you know has) a collection or conglomeration of items you'd like your fellow townspeople and others to see, please call Laurie (862-8095) to talk about when we can include your items in our display case. Your participation will ensure the displays remain fresh and interesting! Thank you!

Historic home destroyed in recent fire; relief fund started

Most of us have read of the tragic loss of our Fire Chief Steve Frye at the scene of a house fire on December 5. Many have also been concerned about the total loss of that family dwelling on Southampton Road – long-time home of Betty Bodendorf and, more recently, her son Jay. The fire was so much more than just the loss of one's home...so much history was lost as well.

The house was built in 1792 and, at some point after the 1870 Census, it came into the Washburn family. Levi Washburn, Betty's father, was born there in 1891. Betty and her late husband Warren Bodendorf purchased the home from Betty's parents, Levi and Lena Washburn, in 1950. Over the years, Betty had collected information on family genealogy, all of which was lost in the fire. Her late husband was a pro-

lific oil painter, and many of his paintings were also lost in the fire.

The community has come together to start a donation fund to help the family recover from their losses. An account has been opened for them at United Bank in Huntington, and donations will be gratefully accepted to help the Bodendorfs rebuild their lives..

DONATIONS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: BODENDORF FIRE RECOVERY FUND and mailed to United Bank, Attention: Bodendorf Fire Recovery Fund, P. O. Box 456, Huntington, MA 01050.

Checks may also be deposited in a drop box available at the Library and at the Montgomery Grille. Let's all pull together and help this family recover from their loss.



Irene, formerly of (HAIR Ltd) welcomes everyone to visit her at

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Irene is wishing everyone a Healthy & Safe New Year!

I am hoping to see all my wonderful
friends in the New Year.

Let's remember the loss that
Montgomery has suffered and pray for
the families.

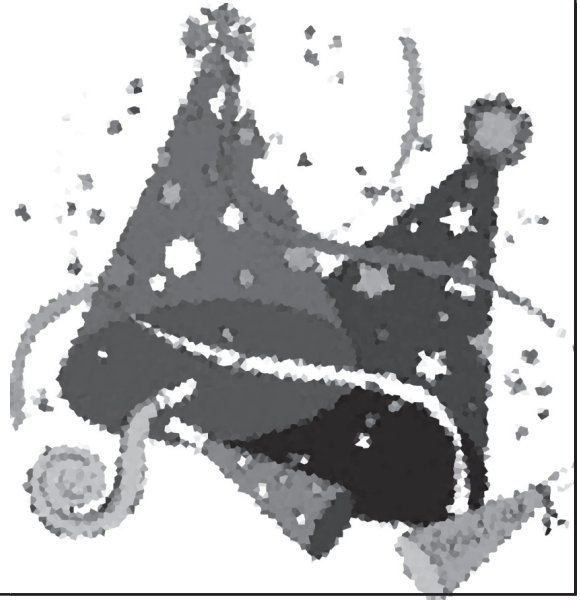
May God Bless, Irene

My Best to Scott, Jeanne A, Jeanne K, Amy
& Zach

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January
2018

One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: to rise above the little things. ~Author unknown

Grace Hall Memorial Library

Presents

Ellen Moyer, Local Author

“Out Earth, Our Species, Our
Selves”

**How to Thrive While Creating a
Sustainable World – We Can Do
This!**

Please join us for some good news
on **Thursday, January 18
at 7:00-8:00 p.m.** at the
Montgomery Public Library. Mont-
gomery resident Dr. Ellen Moyer
will speak about how right now is
the most exciting, most danger-
ous, and most important time to
be alive in all of human history.
Our current crises call on us to
upgrade to a new way of life that
will sustain us and our fellow spe-
cies far into the future. We already
have the capacities and tools we



need. Specific practical, effective,
and enjoyable actions you and I
take now will help us and our
world prosper, not just in the fu-
ture but immediately. Creating a
high-tech and high-nature way of
life can actually spark an econom-
ic boom.

Her talk is based on her new
book – her third - titled *Our Earth,
Our Species, Our Selves: How to
Thrive While Creating a Sustaina-
ble World*. Copies of the book will
be available for sale and signing.

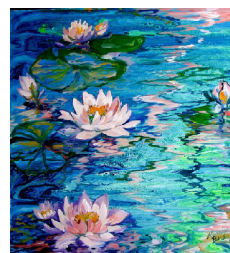
Winter Events at the Library

January 6 Greg Maichack Pas-
tel workshop

February Vacation Week with
Ed the Wizard and Jay Makita

**Pastel Work shop with Greg
Maichack:** Monet's Flowers. Great
for beginners. Learn new techniques
in an open setting.
Please sign up at
the library.

Jan. 6 at 10 am



**Trustees Meeting Jan.
11 at 6:30 PM**

Museum Passes

Old Sturbridge Village
Springfield Quad
Norman Rockwell
Mystic Aquarium
Deerfield Historical Mu-
USS Constitution
DCR State Park Pass
MassMoCa

Hours
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Thurs: 4-8
Sat: 9:30-12:30

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COUNCIL ON AGING

Serving the Citizens of Montgomery
January 2018

Calendar

Tue – Jan 9 Coffee Hour – 10 a.m.

Tue – Jan 23 Coffee Hour – 10 a.m.

Osteoporosis Exercise Class

Town Hall – Friday – 9:30 – 11am

January Birthdays

Arlene Bodurtha	Ruth McKay
Bertine Galipeau	Mary Ann Sharrow
Linda Levit	Robert Wall
Robert Pike	

Were you in the “DONUT HOLE” last year?

If so - chances are you could reach it again!

If you have a Medicare Part D or Medicare Advantage plan and do **not** get Extra Help, you will reach that coverage gap when the total retail cost of your prescription drugs reaches \$3750. This is where **Prescription Advantage** can help.

Prescription Advantage, the Massachusetts prescription drug assistance program, can help pay for your prescription drugs when you reach the “donut hole.” To find out how to lower your drug costs, call Prescription Advantage at:

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TTY at 1-877-610-0241

for the deaf and hard of hearing

You can also visit their web-site:

www.prescriptionadvantagemma.org

The money you save can be your own!

On December 5th two Montgomery families were victims of a terrible house fire.

We would like to express our condolences to the family of Stephen Frye. The outpouring of sorrow shown by the number of attendees at his wake and funeral hopefully gives solace to his wife and children. The town and its residents will forever be grateful for his presence.

Betty Bodendorf and her son Jay were able to escape from the fire but lost everything in the process. Family and the Red Cross have stepped up to help them in their time of need, but a few others, wanting to do more, have set up a fund at a local bank. Donations can therefore be made to the Bodendorf Fire Recovery Fund at the United Bank in Huntington. You may donate directly or make use of drop boxes which can be found at the Montgomery Grille and the Town Library.



We wish all our friends and neighbors a Happy and Healthy New Year. Stop in and visit at any of our coffee hours which are held the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. We are planning several special events starting in the month of February. Stay tuned.

MEMA ISSUES WINTER POWER OUTAGE SAFETY TIPS

- Check flashlights and portable radios to ensure that they are working, and you have extra batteries as part of your Winter Emergency Kit. A radio is an important source of weather and emergency information during a storm.
- If the power is out, use flashlights or other battery-powered lights if possible, instead of candles.
- If a storm is coming that may bring power outages, fully charge your cell phone, laptop, and any other devices in advance of a power outage.
- Purchase a car phone charger because you can charge your phone if you lose power at your home.
- If your water supply could be affected by a power outage fill your bathtub and spare containers with water.
- Set your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings. During an outage, do not open the refrigerator or freezer door. Food can stay cold in a full refrigerator for up to 24 hour, and in a well-packed freezer for 48 hours (24 hours if it is half-packed).
- Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40° F (4° C) for 2 hours or more or that has an unusual odor, color or texture. When in doubt, throw it out!
- Have sufficient heating fuel, as regular sources may be cut off. Have emergency heating equipment and fuel so you can keep at least one room livable. Be sure the room is well ventilated.
- To keep pipes from freezing, wrap them in insulation or layers of newspapers, covering the newspapers with plastic to keep out moisture. Let faucets drip a little to avoid freezing.
- Keep your car tank at least half full because gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps.
- Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it. Garage doors can be heavy, so know that you may need help to lift it.
- If utilizing an emergency generator, read, understand and follow the manufacturer's instructions. Always operate emergency generators outdoors and away from any open window.
- Ensure that your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors are working correctly and have fresh batteries. Check your outside fuel exhaust vents, making sure that they are not obstructed by snow or ice. Never use cooking equipment intended for outside use indoors as a heat source or cooking device.
- In order to protect against possible voltage irregularities that can occur when power is restored, you should unplug all sensitive electronic equipment, including TVs, stereo, VCR, microwave oven, computer, cordless telephone, answering machine and garage door opener.
- Leave on one light which will indicate when your power returns.
- If you lose your heat, seal off unused rooms by stuffing towels in the cracks under the doors. At night, cover windows with extra blankets or sheets.
- Food provides the body with energy for producing its own heat.
- Do not call 9-1-1 to report your power outage or to ask for information, use 9-1-1 only for emergencies. Call your utility company to report the outage and get restoration information. Call 2-1-1 with other winter-related issues.
- Check in on friends, family, and neighbors, particularly those most susceptible to extreme temperatures and power outages such as seniors and those with access and functional needs.
- Make sure you always have a well-stocked Winter Home Emergency Supply Kit that includes flashlights, portable radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, bottled water, non-perishable food and a manual can opener.

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